

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on April 27, 2009, has been received and its contents carefully considered. Additionally attached to this Amendment is a Petition for a One-month Extension of Time, extending the period for response to August 27, 2009.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 as being anticipated by *Yang*, US2004/0011098, hereinafter referred to as *Yang*. In response, independent claim has been amended and dependent claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled, and claim 1 remains pending in the application.

Amended claim 1 now recites, as illustrated by way of an example in Applicant's figure 5, referring to the reference characters therein for the purposes of explanation only, a dial lock 20 which can be rotated with a common key with the added feature of a rotatable key hole plate 51 with a key hole 52 for the common key. The rotatable key hole plate 51 is supported by stationary support plate 53. The support plate 53 has a colored area 54 so that when the bolt 30 is in the unlocked position (Figure 5) one color (i.e., the color of the colored area 54) will be shown through the exposed portions of the rotatable key hole plate 51 and when the bolt is in the locked position (Figure 3) another color (i.e., the color of the key hole plate 51) will show.

Further, claim 1 now provides a pressing portion 36 used to rotate the bolt 30 between the locking and unlocking position.

In contrast, a lid 72 disclosed by Yang is not provided with a colored area for indicating an unlocking position, as would be required by amended claim 1. Further, a shaft 4 is not provided with a pressing portion, as would be required by amended claim 1. Since no pressing portion is provided, Yang's shaft 4 is not activated even if a key is inserted into the key hole 111.

For at least the reasons listed above, it is submitted that this claim is *prima facie* patentably distinguishable over Yang.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action, and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

An extension fee is submitted herewith. Should the remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, or should any additional fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and is requested to advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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